

**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-15 (Canceled).

16. (Previously presented) A gift bag comprising:

substantially parallel front and rear panels, each having a top edge, a bottom edge opposite the top edge, and two lateral edges, and

wherein the lateral edges of the front and rear panels and a bottom panel having two pairs of substantially parallel lateral edges, wherein the lateral edges of the bottom panel are joined to the bottom edges of the front and rear panels to form a container having an interior portion, said container further having an opening width defined as the distance between the top edges of the front and rear panels;

wherein the panels of the gift bag possess a degree of stiffness that is sufficient to provide a free-standing, upright gift bag;

wherein the entire outwardly facing surface of said gift bag is completely formed from a napped filamentary material;

wherein the napped filamentary material extends at least partially into the interior portion; and

wherein said gift bag panels contain at least one closure device.

17. (Original) The gift bag of claim 16, wherein a pile of the napped filamentary surface is long to resemble the fur of an animal.

18. (Original) The gift bag of claim 16, wherein the pile of the napped filamentary surface is short to resemble suede.

19. (Original) The gift bag of claim 16, further comprising a pair of handles, wherein one handle is connected to the front panel and the other handle is connected to the rear panel.

Claims 20-21 (Canceled).

22. (Original) The gift bag of claim 19, wherein a card with printed information is attached to at least one of said handles.

23. (Original) The gift bag of claim 16, wherein said closure device is resealable.

24. (Original) The gift bag of claim 23, wherein said closure device is a two-piece closure device.

25. (Original) The gift bag of claim 24, wherein said two-piece closure device is a snap.

26. (Original) The gift bag of claim 24, wherein said two-piece closure device is Velcro.